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Memorandum for: Legislative Counsel

Mr. Joseph Winslow, Assistant to Philip Young, Personnel Advisor to the President, called me today regarding the proposed CIA legislation, and I took the opportunity to discuss with him other pending employee legislation to determine its status. Mr. Winslow asked that his comments on the Administration's position on these measures be kept in confidence, and it is therefore requested that this memorandum be closely held for the time being.

1. In regard to the proposed CIA legislation, Mr. Young has not yet had an opportunity to give it the personal review which he feels is required. As he does not wish to delay us in clearance procedures, he suggests that we now forward the proposed draft to the Bureau of the Budget for clearance, and Mr. Winslow will immediately inform Mr. Macy at the Bureau to this effect. Mr. Young's comments will be forthcoming as soon as possible.

2. In connection with the Administration's proposed bill on training, the Civil Service Commission has receded from its position that it should control all Government training, and therefore it will not recommend repeal of statutory training authorities of other agencies such as CIA. A revised version of this will will be circulated to all agencies for clearance.

3. In connection with the proposed Overseas Allowances Act, the final draft has been held up pending decisions regarding territorials. A revised draft of this bill will also be circulated for clearance.

4. In connection with the proposed legislation granting statutory home leave for personnel serving overseas (H. R. 5843), some hearings were held before the House Post Office & Civil Service Committee last session, and the bill received considerable opposition from the employee unions. This opposition stemmed

largely from the reduction of accumulation of leave while serving overseas from 45 to 30 days. The unions also oppose certain other features in the bill and they are discussing these matters with Mr. Winslow. It was pointed out to them that while the accumulation has been reduced the leave itself has not been reduced, and the statutory home leave has been added so that the Government employees will receive an over-all benefit from this legislation. The Administration position will probably be to stand on the present version of the bill, but if Congress amends it to leave the present accumulation periods the Administration will in all probability not oppose it and accept the Congressional version.

5. In connection with the Executive pay legislation, the Administration has a preference for the Senate version (S. 2628) rather than the House bill (H. R. 7619). The Senate bill carries the Director in the third category, which includes the Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force, the Director of the FBI and the Administrator of Veterans Affairs at \$22,000 per annum. It carries the DDCI in the \$20,000 category with the Associate Director of the FBI and Assistant Secretaries of the Executive Departments, together with many other officials. The Senate bill is also more liberal in revising the pay scale for GS-18s. It should be noted that the House bill, while maintaining the same salaries as are in the Senate bill insofar as CIA is concerned, places the DDCI in a category above that of Assistant Secretaries. The Administration position at present would appear to be that a preference will be expressed for the Senate bill if the Senate proposes to accept that version, but it will not object to the House bill if the Senate chooses to take up the House version which has already passed the House. In any case, Senate hearings are envisaged, with probable resultant log rolling by members in connection with certain specific jobs. In any event, the Administration proposes to stay with the levels of last session's bills and not try to raise the over-all ceiling.


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